Valenti will ask House for JFK file review

By David Kelly

WASHINGTON — MPAA president Jack Valenti will testify before the House Judiciary Committee today to advocate a second reopening of the Kennedy assassination files.

Valenti supports disclosure to the general public of the contents of the documents, in part because he wants to put to rest any suspicion that his old boss, President Lyndon Johnson, was in any way a part of any cover-up.

Oliver Stone, who directed the film "JFK," said he has never implied in it that LBJ was involved in

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the assassination. But the filmmaker said he hasn't ruled out the possibility that Johnson was involved in covering up the circumstances behind the murder.

Valenti vehemently disputed either theory and has leveled a scathing attack at "JFK" and its premise.

A joint resolution of the House and Senate calls for opening most of the files to the public. However, the Justice Department is opposing the bill for privacy and security reasons. The files were sealed until the 21st century after a congressional reinvestigation of the assassination, originally probed by the Warren Commission, in the 1970s. □